Illegal Wiretapping

The recent revelations by former members of the F.B.I. hierarchy — namely that during their tenure illegal wire tapping and bugging was engaged in by them at the Democratic 1964 National Convention and elsewhere — causes bewilderment. I presume most of these men are lawyers and if so why did they carry out these patently illegal orders.

Are these men in any different position than the Watergate defendants who were prosecuted, convicted and disbarred? Does the statute of Limitations against this criminal activity run from the date of the alleged offense or the date of its discovery? These are questions for the lawyers at the Department of Justice.

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